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SUBJECT: ANTI-HIJACKING AND AIRPORT SECURITY TRAINING

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1. W. CREBAS, CIVILAIR OFFICIAL AND MEMBER OF DUTCH AVIATION SECURITY COMMITTEE, APPROACHED CIVIL AVIATION OFFICER 5 MARCH ON BEHALF OF COMMITTEE WITH INQUIRY ABOUT SECURITY PROGRAMS IN RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER RE FAA COURSE AND OTHER PROGRAMS. COMMITTEE FEELS, HE SAID, THAT FAA COURSE IS NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME, BUT IT IS INTERESTED IN ANCILLARY PROGRAMS AS MENTIONED IN SECTION A OF ENCLOSURE TO STATE A-1288 DATED 12 FEB 1973. CREBAS RELATED THAT IN LATE 1972 HE HAD ENGAGED IN USG SPONSORED PROGRAM ALONG WITH MAJ. E.E. GERRITSEN, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL POLICE AT SCHIPHOL AIRPORT AND CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE, AND A.L. COX, SECURITY ADVISER TO DIR. GEN.

OF CIVIL AVIATION. PROGRAM ARRANGED BY MR. LAURIENTE OF DOT HAD INCLUDED CONFERENCES WITH DOT AND FAA, VIEW OF VARIOUS DETECTION INSTRUMENTS IN LABORATORY SETTING, VISIT TO TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS CENTER AT CAMBRIDGE, AND VISIT TO DOG TRAINING AREA AT KENNEDY AIRPORT. COMMITTEE NOW INQUIRES WHETHER NEW AREAS OF INTEREST HAVE BEEN ADDED TO PROGRAM OR WHETHER EQUIPMENT OR PROCEDURES HAVE CHANGED OR DEVELOPED TO DEGREE WHICH WOULD MAKE ANOTHER GROUP VISIT WORTHWHILE. COMMITTEE IS NOT INTERESTED IN REPETITION OF 1972 VISIT BUT IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

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2. WE ARE INFORMED BY COMMERCIAL SOURCE THAT AIRPORT AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED ELECTRONIC PASSENGER SEARCH EQUIPMENT FROM DENMARK FOR ALL BOARDING GATES AND THAT CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES HAVE PURCHASED BAGGAGE X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF (A) NEW DEVELOPMENTS WHICH COULD BE USEFUL TO DUTCH COMMITTEE TO SEE OR INVESTIGATE, (B) COSTS THEY WOULD INCUR BEYOND TRANSATLANTIC TRAVEL AND (C) TIME NEEDED TO COVER SUCH PROGRAM. THEY ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE, POSSIBLY SAME GROUP AS BEFORE, AND RECALL THAT FORMER VISIT TOOK 4 OR 5 DAYS. WE ASSUME THERE WOULD BE NO COST TO PARTY OTHER THAN TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE.
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